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## France

## Tree Nuts

## Walnut Update

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**Report Highlights:**

In 2005, preliminary estimates indicate that French walnut production reached approximately 32,000 MT after two years of short crops due to drought. In MY 2004/05, France's walnut trade surplus increased significantly due to increased shipments of in-shell walnuts to Germany, Spain and Moldova, and reduced imports of shelled walnuts from Moldova (where French in-shell walnuts are exported to be shelled).

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## Executive Summary

Preliminary estimates indicate that the 2005 French walnut harvest was high in quality and quantity compared with lower harvests in 2003 and 2004, which were negatively affected by drought. In 2005, in the two main producing regions of France (Grenoble and Perigord), average walnut grades were larger than in the past two years. The French Ministry of Agriculture estimates that current walnut stocks are low due to strong demand from both domestic and export markets.

France is a net exporter of walnuts. In MY 2004/05, due to increased shipments of in-shell walnuts to Germany, Spain and Moldova and reduced imports of shelled walnuts from Moldova, France's trade surplus in walnuts almost tripled to more than 9,000 MT.

## Statistical Tables

The following tables reflect the most recent production data published by the French Ministry of Agriculture and final trade data available for MY 2004/05.

PSD Table						
Country	France					
Commodity	Walnuts, Inshell Basis				(HA)(1000 TREES)(MT)	
	2003	Revised	2004	Estimate	2005	Forecast
	USDA Official [Old]	Post Estimate[New]	USDA Official [Old]	Post Estimate[New]	USDA Official [Old]	Post Estimate[New]
Market Year Begin		10/2003		10/2004		10/2005
Area Planted	20200	20050	20400	20080	20400	20080
Area Harvested	15600	15600	15900	15950	15900	15950
Bearing Trees	1600	1600	1600	1600	1600	1600
Non-Bearing Trees	450	450	450	450	450	450
Total Trees	2050	2050	2050	2050	2050	2050
Beginning Stocks	0	0	0	0	0	0
Production	23350	23323	25000	26422	30000	32000
Imports	17950	15493	16000	13144	14000	11000
TOTAL SUPPLY	41300	38816	41000	39566	44000	43000
Exports	16300	18753	16000	22239	19000	24000
Domestic Consumption	25000	20063	25000	17327	25000	19000
Ending Stocks	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL DISTRIBUTION	41300	38816	41000	39566	44000	43000

Sources: French Ministry of Agriculture, French Customs

<b>Export Trade Matrix</b>			
<b>Country</b>	France		
<b>Commodity</b>	Walnuts, Inshell Basis		
Time Period	Oct-Sept	Units:	MT
Exports for:	2004		2005
U.S.	0	U.S.	0
Others		Others	
Germany	5302	Germany	6428
Spain	3933	Spain	4355
Italy	931	Moldova	3529
Switzerland	1382	Italy	2593
Portugal	806	Switzerland	1634
Moldova	3468	Portugal	919
Belgium	771	Belgium	865
Denmark	523	Denmark	535
Netherlands	337	Netherlands	386
Total for Others	17453		21244
Others not Listed	1300		995
Grand Total	18753		22239

Source: French Customs

<b>Import Trade Matrix</b>			
<b>Country</b>	France		
<b>Commodity</b>	Walnuts, Inshell Basis		
Time Period	Oct-Sept	Units:	MT
Imports for:	2004		2005
U.S.	539	U.S.	317
Others		Others	
Moldova	8924	Moldova	7169
Ukraine	1740	Ukraine	1762
China	630	India	1176
Hungary	596	Spain	465
India	572	China	370
Romania	368	Italy	330
Slovakia	348	Hungary	300
Spain	301	Greece	252
Netherlands	270	Slovakia	208
Italy	266	Germany	136
Total for Others	14015		12168
Others not Listed	939		659
Grand Total	15493		13144

Source: French Customs

French exports of in-shell walnuts (08023100), MT, product weight:

Countries	MY 03/04	MY 04/05
Total	13,773	16,315
Germany	3,368	4,232
Spain	3,711	4,039
Moldova	3,398	3,529
Italy	729	2,211

French imports of in-shell walnuts (08023100), MT, product weight:

Countries	MY 03/04	MY 04/05
Total	849	346
U.S.	459	93
Netherlands	226	85

French exports of shelled walnuts (08023200), MT, product weight:

Countries	MY 03/04	MY 04/05
U.S.		
Germany	967	1,098
Switzerland	468	619
Netherlands	153	193
Italy	104	191
Denmark	135	135
Belgium	169	159
Spain	111	158

French imports of shelled walnuts (08023200), MT, product weight:

Countries	MY 03/04	MY 04/05
Total	7,322	6,399
U.S.	40	112
Moldova	4,451	3,575
Ukraine	870	881
India	286	588
Hungary	298	150
Italy	119	151
Greece	104	126
China	315	185
Spain	142	218